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## Wedding Bells.

### MERRIMAN—SPEAR

A great surprise came to the friends of Mr. A. R. Spear in the recent announcement of his marriage last November 17th, at Fairbault, to Miss Frances B. Merriman. Mr. Spear is a man of national reputation among the deaf, and a host of friends wish him happiness in his new life. His bride is an attractive young semi-mute and we hope he will bring her to Colorado and give us all the pleasure of meeting her. The couple are at home in Minneapolis after June 1.

### HANSEN SCOTT

On Sunday evening, May 16, at 5 o'clock, Miss Agnes Hansen was married to Mr. Hans J. Scott at the residence of the bride's parents in Portland. The bride is a graduate of the Minnesota School for the Deaf, where she was one of the most attractive of the girls, writing with graces of person and manner a refined and gentle disposition. The groom is unknown to us, but we are sure that Miss Hansen's choice is a man worthy of her. Here's to their long life and happiness.

### HUTTON STEWART

The home of J. R. Hutton in West Dayton, Wash., was the scene of an unusual and impressive wedding ceremony Sunday afternoon, May 18, when Miss Maggie Ethel Hutton became the bride of Mr. Jerry Stewart of North Yakima. Both the bride and the groom as well as most of the guests present at the wedding were deaf mutes. Rev. W. H. Harris of the Christian church officiated. As the words of the impressive and beautiful ring ceremony fell from the lips of the clergyman, they were repeated in the sign language to the couple by Miss Tallulah Hutton, a sister of the bride who also acted as bridesmaid. Mr. H. Fouts was best man. The ceremony was performed under a canopy of spring flowers arranged in the form of bells. The bride was charmingly gowned in Alice blue voile and white lace. The bridesmaid wore tan voile with cream lace trimmings. Following the ceremony a dinner was served to the guests. Lee O. Brown, a mute, offered thanks in the sign language.

The guests present were: Rev. and Mrs. Harris, Mr. and Mrs. Lee O. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Wheatly, Mr. and Mrs. Fouts, Mr. and Mrs. Hearn, Mrs. J. M. Ellis, Miss Veva Hammer, Miss Fleta Fouts, Mr. Holcy Fouts, Master Ross Brown, Master Cecil Brown, Master Raymond Harris.

## MY NEIGHBOR.

"Set down," said he  
When greeting me.  
"I'm glad to see ye back. Bring up a cheer,  
And set down here."  
Straightway I did.  
As I was bid,  
And taking up the most convenient chair  
I drew it nigh the genial stove, and  
"set" down there.

We talked and laughed,  
And grinned, and chaffed.  
He joked with me, and till the light grew dim  
I joked with him.  
And when 't was o'er  
I sought his door,  
And walked home through the evening clear.

Convinced that he did well to call a chair a "cheer"—

"Twixt you and me  
That's what they be

With whole-souled neighbors such as he.

By Blakeney Gray in Success Magazine.

Mr. and Mrs. Stewart left last evening for North Yakima where they will make their home. The bride is a highly accomplished young lady. She has been prominent in church circles here for several years.—Ex.

## SEPTRION—HUNTER

Invitations are out for the wedding of Miss Cecile Septrion to Mr. W. S. Hunter at the School for the Deaf at Vancouver, Wash. The ceremony is to be at high noon, June 2. Both the young people are very popular among all who know them. Mr. Hunter is a teacher at the Vancouver school, and Miss Septrion has held the position of supervisor of the girls in the same school for the past few years. They are a well mated young couple, and their friends all unite in hoping that their ship will have smooth and pleasant sailing.

## CHURCH SERVICE.

Services for the deaf were held as usual at Trinity church, May 16th.

Mr. Hanson gave us a very profitable talk from the Sermon on the Mount. Messrs. Root and Gustin assisted in Bible readings and Mrs. Hanson gave the hymns.

It is said of some singers that they put their whole being into their songs. This might be said of Mrs. Hanson, the way she presents the hymns is beautiful and impressive. It was as if she felt the power of the words and longed to have others feel that power.

Hereafter services are to be held at 3:30 instead of 3:00. Let everybody attend.

## Tacoma.

### A. Y. P. E.—"After Your Pocket Exhibition."

The above brilliant definition was handed in by a certain young lady and in submitting it, the Gossip Anticipating Your Painful Embarrassment Admiring Your Patient Endurance Asks Your Pardon, Editor.

There was an impromptu gathering at the Wades on the 16th inst., one of those pleasant occasions where each just happens to drop in, and where there seems to be a more social feeling than at a "cut out and dried" entertainment. Miss Bitsinger, who leaves soon for California, took advantage of the occasion to say farewell to her friends of Tacoma.

Mr. Vincent now has a position as clerk in the Northern Pacific shops at South Tacoma. There is a pleasant smile on his face, "the smile that won't come off."

Mr. John Thomas, the farmer, has a nice little farm out near Orting. It takes about all of his time nowadays to look after it. Isn't it about time you should also cultivate the acquaintance of some nice girl, John?

Miss Siegel is so busy entertaining and being entertained during her aunt's and uncle's visit, that she has no time to look up her deaf friends. She invited Mrs. Seeley to dinner Friday last, and they had a pleasant time looking over her aunt's collection of post cards. Those collected in California are especially beautiful.

Mr. and Mrs. Hammond find that they cannot spare the time to go to Vancouver, as they had intended. They are beginning to realize the cares of the householder.

By the way, the dreadful cat in their neighborhood is still at large. Why don't some of you Seattle boys come over and bag that cat?

Mr. Charles Walter is a newcomer to Tacoma. He is boarding with the Hammonds.

Mr. M. Miller has joined the Y. M. C. A. Athletic club.

A Seattleite remarked to us not long ago that Tacoma must be a very small town, indeed, judging from the way the street car conductors laugh and joke with everyone as though they were life-long friends. Also there seems to be plenty of room on the cars. Those may be signs of a village, but the large and handsome cars with their broad aisles and seats, their mirrors and general up-to-dateness are not. Nevertheless,

it is a fact that our conductors and our people, too, are the best natured persons on earth, and if they like to joke isn't that better than wearing a "your money or your life" sort of expression like we have seen in some other cities? Not long ago a gentleman and his wife, tourists, with several ladies with whom they are visiting, were getting off a crowded car. As the ladies were all rather large, it took quite a while for them to squeeze through the tightly packed car. When the gentleman asked for transfers and the conductor asked how many? he pointed to his wife, who was just then making a last supreme effort to disengage herself from the crowd, and said:

*"This lady is the last, But not the least," responded the gallant conductor and the lady acknowledged the compliment with a bow and a "Thank you, sir, I am GREATLY pleased.*

TACOMA GOSSIP.

#### DEAF SEE SPEECHES.

VANCOUVER, Wash., May 19.—(Special.)—To attend a banquet and understand, see an abundance of witty toasts, and yet not to have one's ears dinned with the vociferations of the after-dinner speakers; to witness a series of brilliant speeches and yet hear no sound save the peals of laughter with which the bright sallies made by the speakers were received—this is an unusual experience, and fell to the lot of the guests, sixty-four in number, of the literary society of the state school for the deaf, Monday evening.

One noticeable difference from other social events was the absence of music at a dance held in the evening.

The banquet was held in the dining room and covers laid for sixty-four, the guests being students and members of the faculty. John Skoglund, president of the society, acted as toastmaster, and he filled that difficult position with credit to himself and the school.

Those who responded to toasts were Thomas P. Clarke, superintendent, and his wife; Prof. L. A. Divine, and Arthur Classen, David H. Krause, Prof. William Marshall, Elsie T. Peterson, Prof. W. S. Hunter, Elmyra E. Ford, and W. S. Schneider. The toasts were all given in the sign language.—P-I.

#### OPENING DAY.

June 1, the opening day of the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition, will be opened with a magnificent parade under the direction of General Order No. 10, National Guard of Washington. The companies from distant cities and towns will not be in attendance at the opening exercises on the fair grounds, but will observe the day by parading the streets of their home cities.

#### GRADUATING EXERCISES.

VANCOUVER, Wash., May 16.—(Special.)—The commencement exercises of the State School for the Deaf of Washington will be held Tuesday evening, May 18. There are six members of the graduating class—Elmyra Elizabeth Ford, Marie Hickman, David Herman Krause, Elsie Theresa Peterson, Grace Myrtle Pritchard and Eunice C. Reeves. One student will be given a certificate of merit and good conduct. These will be the first commencement exercises held at the State School for the Deaf since Superintendent Thomas P. Clarke took charge of the school three and a half years ago. The last time a class was graduated was six years ago, when there were four graduated.—Post-Intelligencer.

#### ENTHUSIASM AS A BUSINESS GETTER.

You might as well try to thaw out a frozen pipe with an ice cake as to interest a customer in your proposition unless you are interested yourself.

If your heart is in your work your enthusiasm will often cause a would-be customer to forget that you are trying to make a sale.

Enthusiasm is a great business getter. It is so contagious that, before we know it, we are infected with it, even though we try to brace ourselves against it.—Success Magazine.

Before another issue of the Observer comes out the Exposition will have been opened. You are coming, of course you are, and bring your sisters, your cousins and your aunts—and mayhap your best girl.

#### UNIVERSITY PARK.

At a meeting of the University Park Improvement Club held last week in the chemistry building at the university, a resolution was unanimously adopted recommending that all members work to get the adoption of the name University Park for the addition, which is now often referred to as Moore's University Park and Moore's Addition. A committee was appointed to work for underground conduits for electric light wires in the district.—Seattle Times.

#### COMFORT STATION.

Workmen excavating for the comfort station in Pioneer place are said to have unearthed the old foundation timbers of Henry Yesler's sawmill—the first industry Seattle ever had. The fact simply emphasizes the beauty of the idea of erecting such a structure upon such a site.—Seattle Times.

#### PUGET SOUND ASSOCIATION OF THE DEAF.

Organized in February, 1904.

Regular business and literary meeting on first Sunday of each month, at Labor Temple, corner Sixth avenue and University street, at 2:30 p. m. Address all communications to Secretary W. S. Root, 632 32nd Ave. N., Seattle.

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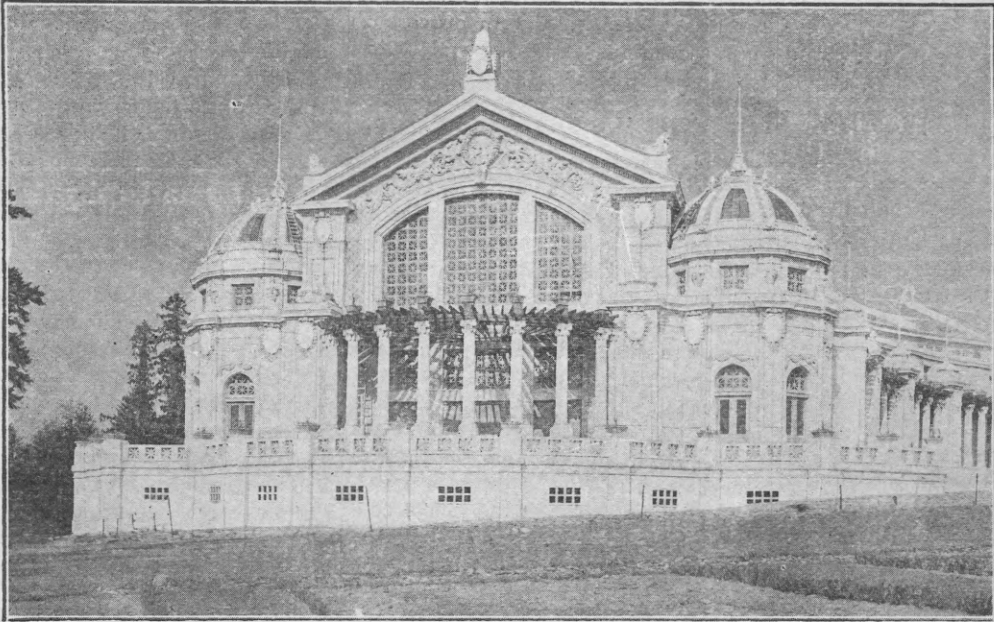
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**OPENING DAY PROGRAM.**

Formal opening salute by mounted battery, within exposition grounds, 9 a. m., followed by evolutions by U. S. cavalry.

Parade to be participated in by United States soldiers, together with sailors from Admiral Uriel Sebree's Pacific fleet and detachment from Japanese squadron, starting on ground at 10 a. m.

Opening ceremonies of the exposition in amphitheatre, 10:30 a. m., to be followed by luncheon to distinguished guests of the A-Y-P-E., in the New York State Building.

Formal opening of fair at high noon, when President Taft will transmit congratulations by touching a gold telegraph key in the White House in Washington.

Simultaneous with the signal for the opening there will be a beautiful day-light pyrotechnical display.

Baseball game, 2 p. m.

Dinner to guests of the fair in New York State building, 8 p. m.

Pyrotechnics, in the vicinity of Courts of Arms, 8:30 p. m.

150,000 persons expected to visit exposition grounds on opening day.

**ALASKA.**

Alaska was discovered in 1741 by Vitus Bering, a Danish navigator in the employ of Peter the Great. An expedition was outfitted by the Russian government in the Bay of Avacha on the east shore of Kamchatka. Two vessels were constructed, the St. Peter and St. Paul. The material which entered into the construction of these vessels was transported from Russia across Siberia, a distance of several thousand versts. The expedition set out from Russia in 1733 to cross Si-

beria in detachments; and it was not until June, 1741, that the St. Peter and St. Paul were constructed and equipped to sail upon this important and historical voyage.

The St. Peter was commanded by Bering, and the St. Paul by Lieutenant Alexei Chirikoff. The two vessels soon became separated in the fogs and never saw each other after the separation. Bering's ship came within sight of what is now Alaska on July 16, but Chirikoff had sighted land a day or two prior to this date. It is probable from the records that the first sight of land by Vitus Bering was a view of Mt. St. Elias. Chirikoff's vessel came to anchor off Cape Ad-dington. As he was badly in need of fresh water he sent the long boat off with a complement of ten men to examine the newly discovered territory and get the much needed water. They never returned. Two men were dispatched in a small boat the day following to urge them to speedily return to the ship, and nothing was ever heard of them. There was nothing for Chirikoff to do but hoist anchor and sail away. No attempt was made at further explorations, as the ship's crew had been attacked by scurvy. Sail was set for Asia, but before the friendly waters of Avacha Bay were reached there were no able-bodied seamen aboard to man the ship.

But the misfortunes which overtook the St. Paul were trivial to the disaster which overwhelmed the St. Peter. This vessel was wrecked on one of the Commander Islands and Bering, dying with the scurvy, was taken ashore. The shipwrecked sailors contrived to make shift to spend the winter, and from the wreckage of their vessel constructed a schooner, in which they safely reached the shore

of Asia the following spring. Bering died on December 8, and was buried on the island which now commemorates his name.

This, in brief, is the history of the discovery of Alaska. The formation of the Russian-American Company and the exploitation of this region for furs, the sale of Alaska to the United States in 1867, the discovery of gold in this part of the Northland, the development of Alaska fisheries, and the steady growth of the district until it has become of vast commercial importance, are all a part of recent history familiar to those interested in the subject or desirous of acquiring information about Alaska and its resources.

During Russian occupation this country was known as Russian America. The name of Alaska was adopted about the time of the ratification of the treaty of purchase. It is taken from the Inuit name "Al-i-as-ka," which signifies "the great country." The Inuit, or Eskimo as they are better known, is a hyper-borean dweller of whom but little was known half a century ago. The word "Inuit" means "great people," and it is a corollary that these "great people" should inhabit the "great country." It is possible in the light of subsequent mineral discoveries and in view of the development of the other commercial interests of Alaska, that they selected a name wiser than they knew. We are just beginning to realize that Alaska is truly a "great country."

Alaska has a total area of 586,400 square miles. It is one-fifth the remainder of the United States. If Alaska were set down over the United States its extreme eastern boundary would touch Savannah, Georgia, and

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### A CLEAN LIFE

In public life today there seems to be an increasing demand that our leading officials shall be men with clean lives. This matter should concern the deaf as well as others. Let the men whom we choose to fill our offices of trust and responsibility be clean men, men whom our fellow citizens can respect fully, men whose examples the younger generation can safely follow, men whom we would not be ashamed to introduce to our wives and sisters. Mere (so-called) brains or intelligence alone won't do, we must have character back of these.

The writer knows of instances today where men of unsavory character are holding high offices in deaf mute associations. Such is all wrong, it tends to drive out the better element of society and lowers to standard of an association until often more evil results than good.

A truly good man is a power. He may not have oratorical powers, he may not have money and influence, but there is that about him that commands the respect and confidence of people of all classes.

One strong argument we have heard advanced in favor of Olaf Hanson for president of the N. A. D. is that he has a clean personal life and is just such a man as is wanted for the place.

Doubtless there are many other clean and available men for the position, but

whoever is selected for president of the N. A. D. as well as for officers of the associations of the several states let them be CLEAN MEN!

### THE VALUE OF SIGNS.

In his address at the Utah Convention, Dr. E. M. Gallaudet expressed his views as to the value of signs as follows:

The value of signs in the education of the deaf has been much discussed for many years, and unanimity of opinion in this matter has by no means been reached. Long ago I raised my voice against the unwise and excessive use of signs especially in the class room, which was common some years since. And I believed there is a general agreement that in the schoolroom signs should be used as little as possible. But differences of opinion exist as to the value of signs in religious services and for lectures and dramatic entertainments. My own view is decided that, for these last-named purposes, signs are a necessity for the best results, and that their use works no injury to the pupils in any respect. Strong testimony in support of this practice is found in the fact that in the school at Leipsic founded by Heinicke, and in that at Dresden, both oral schools, signs are used in chapel exercises.

Stand with anybody that stands right.—Lincoln.

To be weak is miserable, doing or suffering.—Milton.

Our congratulations to the newly wed and those soon to be.

Nothing is so difficult but that it may be found out by seeking.—Terence.

Buy what thou hast no need of; and ere long thou shalt sell thy necessities.—Franklin.

For age and want save while you may; no morning sun lasts a whole day.—Franklin.

The profit derived from freedom of action added to other profits gives you an independence that leads to success.

The recipe for perpetual ignorance is: "Be satisfied with your opinions and content with your knowledge—Elbert Hubbard.

The ancient said, "In unity there is strength." If they were wise, then how unwise were we if we did not unite.—Franklin Printer.

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The School of Medicine at Nantes, France, is using electricity successfully for producing sleep. The effect is secured by a certain method of turning the current on and off intermittently.—Success Magazine.

### DON'T, GENTLEMEN.

The commencement season is at our door, and already hundreds of graduating essays are being written and studied for future delivery.

Among these graduating essays will be a considerable percentage written by "semi-mutes," and not unlikely they will be delivered orally by their young authors.

All this is quite proper.

But unless there is an explanatory statement by those in charge of the exercises, the audience will take these semi-mutes as true deaf-mutes and will go away in the belief that their amazing command of speech is the direct and undivided product of the instruction imparted at the school. They will have the refrain of the miracle that restored speech to the dumb ringing in their minds and will believe that this naturally acquired gift of the fortunate few is the easy accomplishment of every pupil in the school.

Unless an explanation is given the heads of our schools become parties to a fraud practiced as much upon the deaf as upon the public. For the public will expect a similar attainment from every pupil sent to the school or every adult deaf-mute that leaves its walls. The reaction when the true state of things is ascertained does not at all work to the benefit of the adult deaf-mute. He loses in public estimation—a loss he need not suffer had the public not been led to expect too much.

Therefore, Messieurs Superintendents, be fair to your deaf-mute pupils.

The temptation to pose as owner of something that one does not possess, or of having done something that one has never accomplished is strong, but, as in the case of the daw in the fable, the deception is inevitably discovered, and unfortunately the punishment is visited upon innocent heads—upon the deaf-mutes who were not party to the fraud.

We know of one school where at a recent entertainment a number of semi-mutes were paraded as fair samples, orally, mentally and otherwise, of the whole school.

We know of another school, not a thousand miles from Chicago, where on one occasion a very youthful-looking member of the faculty, it is said, was put in short dresses and posed before a gaping audience as a simon-pure product of the school.

We know of yet another school, not a thousand miles from Pike's Peak, where it was decided not to give a semi-deaf member of the graduating class a place on the program, as her attainments would be certain to mislead the public as to the actual work accomplished by the school.

If you have a semi-mute graduate, give him a place upon your program, gentlemen, but do not by any means neglect to state clearly and emphatically that his attainments in speech are in small measure only the product of your own efforts.—G. W. Veditz in the Deaf American.



## Portland.

Messrs. Stalker, Urban and Speiler were interested visitors at the Salem School on the 16th.

Johnson, Litherland and Vinson are the original Old Guard when it comes to attending Sunday ball games. The weather cuts no ice with them as long as there is anything doing at the ball park.

Mr. Redman reports seeing two strange mutes on the street lately. He describes them as well dressed, distinguished looking and nice sign makers. He did not accost them, being unwilling to butt in, and besides he was in a hurry. Wonder who they were.

The weather is just making up its mind to stay nice henceforward. Some of the boys are anxious to go fishing, but prefer to wait until the trout will rise to something else other than salmon eggs. Mr. R. Harris of Seattle, take notice.

Quite a few of the boys announce it as their intention to accept the invitation to attend the Convention at Vancouver on May 30. Between 25 and 30 are expected to attend.

Mr. Theirmann is just a prosperous and thrifty as of yore. At present his father is staying with him. X.

### OUR ANNUAL PICNIC.

Present indications are that no very distinguished deaf from the East or South will be present at the time of holding the Fourth of July picnic, but that a larger attendance than usual may be expected from those living close by, and it is up to the association to see that the event is more than an ordinary success. At the next powwow of the association on June 6 the details will be settled as to the exact date and place. Shall it be Woodland park again? Or Cowen's park which, while small and minus the animals, is a beautiful little spot. Should there be a nice grove on the southern shore of Lake Union, directly opposite the Exposition grounds, it would prove a popular place. The new Twenty-third avenue line will furnish transportation. Get out a think or two at the next meeting and make things lively. July 3—or July 5—which? Prepare a lunch large enough to satisfy yourself and family, and then some more, that the out of town friends may not be sent away hungry. An athletic programme, or an excursion on the lake in the evening?

### ITEMS ABROAD.

August Koberstein makes semi-monthly trips down from Bellingham.

Mr. and Mrs. Simon Eaton of Tacoma were in town May 16 and attended church service.

Fred Emmons has steady employment in a shoe factory at Georgetown, a suburb of Seattle, at present.

Benjamin Weiss, formerly a student at the Minnesota school, is a new arrival in town. He is a machinist.

The company for whom Albert Hole works has a big order from the firm that is remodeling the Seattle hotel, and Albert is working overtime.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Wright, the twins, Alberta and the boy, helped Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Gustin partake of their Sunday dinner, the first of the week. Al and John had a great talk, which should be written up for history.

The following three members of the P. S. A. D. have been appointed by President A. W. Wright, as delegates to officially represent the local association at the gathering in Vancouver the coming week: Olaf Hanson, Thure Lindstrom and Edmund Langdon.

Mr. Arthur P. Allen and his brother, who have lived in Seattle for several years past, have started a factory in Tacoma for the manufacture of cement pipes. The Allens are brothers of Mr. George H. Allen, of Warren, Arizona, a classmate of Mr. Olof Hanson in the Minnesota School for the Deaf, and together with their mother can use the manual alphabet freely. The family has just moved to Tacoma to live.

Messrs. Wright and Root, feeling the need of fresh air, journeyed to Renton last Monday as good men are wont to do. They took along some fishing tackle just to have an excuse for going. They returned late in the afternoon full of fresh air and covered with sun-burn. Wright carried something in a basket that wriggled. We understand Root says he won't go again on account of the expense—we suppose he means the expense of hiring a farmer to bring home the get—he got his feet wet.

Ask W. S. Root (at a safe distance) how he likes trout fishing.

Mr. James Watson, who for many years was superintendent of the School for Deaf at Vancouver and is now superintendent of the Idaho School for the Deaf, will retire from active service at the end of the present term. Mr. Watson will retire to a well-earned rest, having been engaged in the work of educating the deaf for forty-five years, commencing as a teacher in the Ontario Institution. He will be succeeded by Mr. Paul Martin, a teacher in the school and a normal graduate of Gallaudet College.

Next week the crowd will be off for Vancouver. Are you one of them?

Postmasters plan celebrating their day—September 10—at the Exposition.

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### THAT CAT CAME BACK.

There has been excitement at the Hanson home lately—all caused by two kittens. A good lady who is wont to call, brought the children a little black kitten with a white face. The little Hansons were delighted. Of an afternoon the kitten was sent down in the basement to catch the naughty rats. When the children went to hunt their pet frequent calls of "Kitty, Kitty," failed to bring a response. Poor kitty separated from her brothers and sisters, had hidden away to mourn in peace. An open window, however, gave the idea that the cat had flown to a less turbulent region. The little Hansons mourned, and a neighbor kindly brought another black kitten, minus a white face. This kitten, too, was sent down to catch rats, when, lo and behold, the hidden kitten heard the challenge to come out and play, and came. At first there was bites and snarls, but now all is friendship, and peace reigns in the Hanson home once more.

### PRESIDENT KANE RETURNS.

Thomas F. Kane, president of the University of Washington, returned to his duties after his protracted trip through the East last week. The Universities of Minnesota, Wisconsin, Chicago, Illinois, Michigan, Cornell, Yale, Harvard, Pennsylvania, Nebraska, Colorado and Missouri were visited. The object of the trip, which is an annual one, was to get first-hand information of applicants for positions on the university faculty. President Kane is well satisfied with the success of his trip, and returns with a goodly list of instructors and professors which he will recommend to the board of regents for appointment. The trip lasted from the middle of April to May 17.—Seattle Times.

## ON TO VANCOUVER!

The deaf of the entire State should, and we believe do, appreciate the efforts of Supt. Clark to arrange the Vancouver gathering—to make it possible for us to look over the school and to organize a state association.

While the attendance will probably not be as large as it would if Vancouver was in a more central location, still we hope there will be a goodly crowd there.

During the past six months nearly every deaf paper in the union has had some favorable mention of Mr. Hanson. Many of the leading deaf of the country have come out flat footed for him for president. With such hearty endorsements from outside, this state (with an abundance of Indian names) should give a whoop that may be heard throughout the union.

Next to overlooking the school buildings and organization of the state association we think the most important thing is giving Olof Hanson a rousing send-off as candidate for the presidency of the National Association of the Deaf.

This state now has a representative in President Taft's cabinet, why not go ahead until we also have the presidency—of the N. A. D. at least.

Hear ye, Lindstrom, Divine, Axling, etc. Polish up your oratorical powers and when you get down to Vancouver, orate until the strongest kind of a delegation and resolutions are sent on to Colorado Springs in Olof Hanson's favor.

Forward! March! All along the line!

## STATE ASSOCIATION TICKET.

Oh, yes! We have selected the officers who should be elected at Vancouver for the newly organized state association. Here they are: President, Phil L. Axling, Spokane; vice-president, L. A. Divine, Vancouver; secretary, T. L. Lindstrom, Tacoma; treasurer, A. W. Wright, Seattle. Delegates to N. A. D.: Olaf Hanson, Seattle; T. L. Lindstrom, Tacoma; P. L. Axling, Spokane.

This ticket is well distributed geographically and ought to give general satisfaction.

We think arrangements should be made whereby those unable to go to Vancouver may become members upon payment of dues.

Lincoln statue will be unveiled at Hodgeville, Kentucky, May 31. Robert Lincoln, only living son of the war president, will be the guest of honor, and Henry Watterson, of Louisville, Ky., will deliver the chief address of the day.

Who will be the first out of town deaf mute to attend the Exposition and show up at the Observer office?

## IN MEMORIAM

LILY AMABEL ALLABOUT.

Mr. B. R. Allabout will receive the heartfelt sympathy of all who knew her when they hear of the death of his wife, which occurred May 9th. The cause of her death was nasal hemorrhage. The body was taken to Norristown, Pa., for burial.

Lily A. Bicksler was a graduate of the Mt. Airy School and of Galland College, where she matriculated with the class of 1894. We remember her well as a student. She was of a winning and gentle disposition, with a bright and ready sympathy to meet all demands. She was very popular with everybody. As a student she was studious and painstaking and she maintained a good place in her class. Shortly after her graduation she was married to Mr. Harvey De Long, '93, who died two or three years later, leaving her with a little son. This little boy also died when about three years old.

After several years Mrs. De Long was married to Mr. B. R. Allabout. Their union was a very happy one, for Mrs. Allabout had a beautiful womanliness that was only satisfied in making all around her happy. A little daughter and son, Helen and David, came to brighten still more this cosy home.

That she should have been called hence so suddenly, leaving husband and little children bereft, is one of the mysteries of life and of death. But the memory of her pure and blameless life will remain with all who knew her, as the fragrance of a flower will seem to scent the air when its name alone is recalled to mind.

A. M. T.

## CHEAP LODGING HOUSES.

While Health Commissioner Crich-ton is stirring up the cheap lodging houses for violating the ordinance requiring maximum cubic air space, he is overlooking the attempts to abolish the health and fire building requirements in the residence sections which may result in the same trouble he is now trying to remedy in the downtown districts. It is up to the health commissioner to take a hand in preventing the emasculating of the present building ordinance.—Seattle Times.

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**ALASKA.**

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its extreme western boundary would reach Los Angeles, California; it would touch Mexico on the south and reach to Canada on the north. The peculiar shape of Alaska, as will be seen by the accompanying map, together with its thousands of islands and many small bays, give it a coast line of 26,500 miles. A vessel sailing to Nome goes westward beyond the meridian which passes through Honolulu, and the Island of Attu is in about the same longitude as the east coast of Australia. On June 21 when the sun sets on the Island of Attu in longitude 173° east, he is shining on the coast of Maine. Point Barrow, the most northerly land in Alaska, is in latitude 71° 40'; the southern boundary line in Dixon Entrance is in latitude 54° 20'.

While Alaska is classed as an Arctic possession, there is really only about one-third of the territory north of the Arctic Circle. The Japan current affects the climate of Southeastern, Southern and Western Alaska so that the winter temperature of this region is very much higher than the winter temperature in the same latitude on the Atlantic Coast. Naturally in a country so large as Alaska there would be considerable variation of temperature, due both to local meteorological conditions and to varying latitudes. In many parts of Southeastern Alaska zero weather is seldom experienced, but the winters are cold enough in the Yukon Valley and on the Arctic Slope to compensate for the ameliorated conditions in Southeastern Alaska. In these regions the thermometer sometimes drops to 70° F. below zero, but a portion of the summers in all parts of Alaska is beautiful. In the higher latitudes the sun shines almost continuously. Night is but a brief time where the twilight of evening reaches out and touches the dawn. A great variety of wild flowers bloom in profusion and the air is warm without being depressing. When not raining, Alaskan summers are incomparably beautiful. While the winters in the northern part of the territory are severe, they possess the quality of staying cold throughout the entire season. The disagreeable feature of alternating cold snaps and warm spells is not to be found in Alaska.

The geography of Alaska is interesting. It has more coast line than the remainder of the United States; it has the highest mountains north of Mexico; it has a river fifth in size among the rivers of the Western Continent; it has glaciers beside which the glaciers of Switzerland are pygmies; it has natural scenic features which some day, and before long, will attract the tourist and sightseer from every part of the world. The Valley of the Yukon is a vast plateau several

hundred miles wide and more than a thousand miles long in American territory. Parallel with the Yukon is the Kuskokwim, the second river in size in the territory. It is near 1,000 miles long. The greater area of Alaska is drained by these two streams, but there is a separate drainage system on the Arctic Slope, and yet another drainage system to the westward, where the waters of numerous rivers are poured into Bering Sea and the North Pacific Ocean.

The principal resources of Alaska are minerals, fish and furs. There are other resources which are in the process of development. Among these is agriculture. Alaska never will be a great farming country; but government experiments and the work of farmers and truck gardeners, in various Alaskan commercial centers which have been created by the mining industry, have demonstrated greater possibilities in the lines of agriculture and gardening than were dreamed of ten years ago.

Alaska has a great quantity of timber, but great parts of the Alaska forests, especially in the far northern part of the territory, consist of undersized trees valuable for fuel and local use, but not the kind of timber that can be converted into merchantable lumber. In Southeastern Alaska, however, there are wide forests of big spruce trees which will make lumber, although it is claimed that the tensile strength of this timber is not equal to the tensile strength of similar timber in the Puget Sound country. The Copper River region and part of Alaska drained by the Chistochina and Susitna Rivers, the Kuskokwim region and parts of the great Tanana Valley are timbered with a fair grade of trees. Local saw mills have furnished most of the lumber for building the town of Fairbanks, the metropolis of Central Alaska. So it will be seen that much of Alaska has an available timber supply adequate for most domestic purposes.

Less has been done to prove Alaska a stock raising country than has been accomplished to prove the adaptability of this northern region to farming. In every part of Alaska grasses grow profusely during the warm, moist summers, and furnish splendid range for all kinds of stock. Experiments in the establishing of stock farms in Alaska have not proved successful. Frye-Bruhn & Company of San Francisco tried the experiment on Kodiak Island. The object of this stock farm was the raising of cattle for shipment to the Puget Sound markets, but the failure of the enterprise does not prove that stock raising will not be successful in Alaska. At Dutch Harbor and Unalaska cattle do well, and cows are a valuable adjunct of the local industries of these places. There are dair-

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ies at Nome and at Fairbanks and for many years the Holy Cross Mission on the Yukon has owned enough milch cows to supply the mission with milk and butter. In Southeastern Alaska, where the temperature seldom falls to zero, stock raising should be a profitable industry. There is not any doubt of the success of stock raising as an adjunct of farming. In the years to come Alaskans will build their homes out of native lumber cut by local saw mills, will raise farm and garden products for local consumption, and stock enough of all kinds for local use.

As said in the outset, the most valuable resources of Alaska are minerals, fish and furs. The fur industry is declining. This industry always deteriorates with the encroachment of civilization; but the mineral and fish resources of Alaska are but in the beginning of their development. Even so, they have created an industrial era which embraces the development of the copper and coal resources of the country, so that these products figure conspicuously in the annual exports from Alaska. At present the principal wealth produced by Alaska is confined to gold, copper, coal and fish. These subjects have been discussed comprehensively by the writer in a series of articles on the resources of Alaska which have appeared in the Alaska-Yukon Magazine. These articles are given a place in this year's Almanac. They tell of the commercial aspect, value and importance of these resources of our Northland.—Alaska Almanac, 1908.

#### SEWARD'S MEMORY HONORED.

Chapters of the history of the United States pregnant with meaning for the whole Pacific Northwest and intimately associated with the present development of Seattle and Alaska were recounted last week at the auditorium of the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition, when the first celebration in the history of the country of the birth of William H. Seward, Lincoln's secretary of state, was held. Mayor John F. Miller presided and speeches were made by Prof. M. L. Daggy and Prof. E. S. Meany, of the State University, and Senator B. M. Wilcox, of the New York state commission to the fair.

On the platform were Mayor Miller, President J. E. Chilberg and Director-General I. A. Nadeau, of the exposition; Richard Pickering, son of the late Gov. William E. Pickering, of the territory of Washington; Senator Wilcox and Dr. H. J. Rodgers, of the New York commission; President Thomas F. Kane, of the University of Washington; J. T. Heffernan, Judge Thomas Burke, M. F. Backus, C. E. Vilas, United States assayer, M. R. Maddocks, M. B. Jackson and G. Benninghausen.

Prof. Daggy told of Seward's profound legal ability and of his traits as

citizen and statesman, asserting that the fruits of Seward's public work were born not alone of his ability, but of hard work.

Senator Wilcox told of Seward's home and of his home life in the state of New York. The speaker knew Seward in the late years of his life at Auburn, N. Y.

Prof. Meany told of the purchase of Alaska from Russia by Seward, and of the debate in Congress when the bill appropriating \$7,000,000 was sent to that body.—Seattle Times.

#### ONCE FAMOUS FORT NOW A BARN.

Fort Latham, built near Greeley, Colorado, in the early sixties for defense against the Indians, was not destroyed years ago as has been supposed, but is still in existence—used as a barn. A few years ago the fort was found on the ranch of O. A. Gordon, southeast of here. It is built of sod, and is still in good condition. The portholes are easily distinguishable, and Indian arrowheads were found imbedded in the ground about the fort.—Seattle Times.

#### CZAR RELEASED GEN. STOESSEL.

Russia has released Lieutenant-General Stessel, who surrendered Port Arthur to Gen. Nogi, and Admiral Nebogatoff, who was annihilated by Admiral Togo, from the fortress in which both have been confined for several months under sentence of ten years' imprisonment. Having vindicated itself by the outrageous punishment of these two helpless men the Russian government will now proceed to plan for the punishment of others under the same criminally foolish military system.—Seattle Times.

#### TOWN NOW A CITY.

CORDOVA, Alaska, May 18.—Although not a year old this city is to be incorporated. Judge Reid has signed the necessary order. The date set for the first election is June 22. Already many candidates are in the field for all offices.—Star.

#### FORMER GOVERNORS PORTRAITS TO FAIR.

OLYMPIA, Tuesday, May 18.—The group of large oil paintings of former governors of the territory and state which had adorned the halls of the governor's office, are being shipped to Seattle today. The pictures will be part of the State Historical Society's exhibit at the A.-Y.-P. Fair.

The paintings include Gov. Stevens, Gov. McMillan, of the territory, and Governors Ferry, McGraw, Rogers and McBride, of the state.

Gov. Mead's portrait has not been painted yet so cannot appear in the collection.—Seattle Times.

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